



2nd National Spelling Competition 2026

Word Bank – Grade 3

1. **athletic** – Strong and active, good at sports.
2. **aviation** – The activity of flying airplanes.
3. **auction** – A sale where people bid to buy.
4. **auditor** – A person who examines financial records.
5. **assault** – A violent attack.
6. **assembly** – A group gathered for a purpose; also, putting parts together.
7. **artistic** – Creative or skilled in art.
8. **artifact** – An old object made by humans.
9. **bachelor** – An unmarried man; also, a university degree.
10. **backyard** – The area behind a house.
11. **barbecue** – Cooking food over an open flame.
12. **barrier** – A wall or obstacle.
13. **bicycle** – A two-wheeled vehicle you pedal.
14. **blister** – A small bubble on the skin.
15. **blossom** – A flower or to bloom.
16. **boundary** – A dividing line or limit.
17. **cardigan** – A knitted sweater with buttons.
18. **cashmere** – Soft wool from a special goat.
19. **carriage** – A vehicle pulled by horses.
20. **casualty** – A person hurt or killed in an accident.
21. **champion** – A winner.
22. **clerical** – Related to office work or church roles.
23. **coercion** – Forcing someone to do something.
24. **cambodia** – A country in Southeast Asia.
25. **demeanor** – Behavior or appearance.
26. **delusion** – A false belief.
27. **depraved** – Morally bad or evil.
28. **diabetic** – A person with diabetes.
29. **doomsday** – The end of the world.
30. **dyslexia** – Difficulty with reading and writing.
31. **drench** – To soak completely with water.
32. **efficacy** – Effectiveness; ability to produce results.
33. **eloquent** – Good at speaking or writing clearly.
34. **engineer** – A person who builds or designs things.
35. **eviction** – Forcing someone to leave a home.
36. **espresso** – Strong black coffee.
37. **expedite** – To speed up a process.
38. **exposure** – Coming into contact with something.
39. **feasible** – Possible or doable.
40. **fiercely** – Strongly or violently.
41. **avored** – Preferred or liked more.
42. **flamingo** – A tall, pink bird.
43. **fructose** – A type of sugar found in fruit.
44. **furnaces** – Devices that produce heat.
45. **fugitive** – Someone running away, especially from the law.
46. **generous** – Willing to give or share.
47. **garrison** – A military group in a location.
48. **gorilla** – A large, strong ape.
49. **gracious** – Kind and polite.
50. **Germany** – A country in Europe.
51. **grenades** – Small bombs thrown by hand.
52. **guardian** – A protector or caretaker.
53. **glossary** – A list of word meanings.
54. **glorious** – Wonderful or very beautiful.
55. **hegemony** – Leadership or control by one group.
56. **hologram** – A 3D image created with light.
57. **hovering** – Staying in one place in the air.
58. **Heathrow** – A major airport in London.
59. **hypnosis** – A trance-like state of focus.
60. **hostages** – People held to force others to act.
61. **hindered** – Blocked or slowed down.
62. **insanely** – In a crazy or extreme way.
63. **intrigue** – Fascinate or make curious.
64. **isotopes** – Different forms of the same element.
65. **invading** – Entering by force to take over.
66. **insomnia** – Trouble sleeping.

67. **inflated** – Filled with air; increased in size or value.
68. **inferior** – Lower in quality or status.
69. **imperial** – Related to an empire.
70. **justice** – Fairness and law.
71. **jacobian** – Relating to King James I of England or the Jacobian mathematical matrix.
72. **jailbird** – A person who is or was in jail.
73. **japanism** – Influence of Japanese art and culture.
74. **jasmine** – A fragrant white or yellow flower.
75. **jeopard** – To put in danger (short for "jeopardize").
76. **jeweler** – A person who makes or sells jewelry.
77. **jigsaw** – A puzzle made of interlocking pieces.
78. **joltless** – Smooth, without shaking.
79. **kale yard** – A garden where cabbage is grown.
80. **kickdown** – A feature in cars for quick acceleration.
81. **kindlier** – More kind or gentle.
82. **kingship** – The position of being a king.
83. **kneecaps** – Bones covering the front of the knee.
84. **Kashmir** – A region in South Asia.
85. **knuckles** – The joints of the fingers.
86. **loyalist** – Someone who supports their leader or government.
87. **luminous** – Giving off light; bright.
88. **luxuries** – Expensive and comfortable things.
89. **location** – A specific place.
90. **Luxembourg** – A small country in Europe.
91. **Lobbying** – Trying to influence lawmakers.
92. **literacy** – The ability to read and write.
93. **magnolia** – A tree or flower with large blooms.
94. **mandated** – Ordered or required by authority.
95. **Madagascar** – A large island country near Africa.
96. **manifest** – To show clearly.
97. **majority** – More than half.
98. **mackerel** – A type of fish.
99. **magazine** – A publication or a part of a gun that holds bullets.
100. **mansion** – A very large and fancy house.
101. **neutrons** – Neutral particles in an atom.
102. **nineties** – The years from 1990 to 1999; also, age 90–99.
103. **nobility** – High rank or moral quality.
104. **nitrogen** – Gas found in air, helps plants.
105. **northern** – From or in the north.
106. **notified** – Officially informed.
107. **numerous** – Many in number.
108. **nutrient** – Substance needed for growth.
109. **obstacle** – Something that blocks progress.
110. **obedient** – Willing to follow orders.
111. **observer** – A person who watches.
112. **official** – Approved or formal.
113. **offshore** – Away from land in water.
114. **opinion** – What someone thinks.
115. **opener** – Tool to open things.
116. **pancreas** – Body organ aiding digestion.
117. **paradigm** – A standard model.
118. **paradise** – Perfect or beautiful place.
119. **parental** – Related to parents.
120. **partisan** – Strong group supporter.
121. **particle** – Tiny part or piece.
122. **pastoral** – Related to countryside.
123. **query** – A question or doubt.
124. **quadrant** – One-fourth of a circle.
125. **quantity** – Amount or number.
126. **quarter** – One-fourth part.
127. **quiet** – Silent or calm.
128. **quickest** – Fastest of all.
129. **quantify** – To express as a number.
130. **radiance** – Bright light or joy.
131. **rational** – Logical and reasonable.
132. **reaction** – Response to something.

133. **realized** – Understood clearly.
134. **receipt** – Proof of payment.
135. **recite** – Say aloud from memory.
136. **Russia** – A large country.
137. **recourse** – Help in trouble.
138. **serenity** – Calm and peace.
139. **setback** – Delay or problem.
140. **shepherd** – One who herds sheep.
141. **shipyard** – Place for building ships.
142. **silicon** – Element used in electronics.
143. **skeleton** – Body's bone structure.
144. **sluggish** – Slow and lazy.
145. **snatched** – Grabbed quickly.
146. **telegram** – A written message sent quickly
147. **texture** – Feel or surface quality.
148. **template** – Pattern or guide.
149. **thankful** – Feeling gratitude.
150. **tension** – Stress or pressure.
151. **Tunisia** – Country in North Africa.
152. **terrible** – Very bad or awful.
153. **telecast** – TV broadcast.
154. **unworthy** – Not deserving.
155. **unstable** – Not steady or strong.
156. **Uruguay** – A South American country.
157. **universe** – All space and matter.
158. **unlawful** – Against the law.
159. **unloaded** – Emptied or taken out.
160. **utensil** – Kitchen tool.
161. **utilize** – Use for a purpose.
162. **validate** – Confirm as true.
163. **verbally** – Using words.
164. **vanish** – Disappear suddenly.
165. **vacation** – Time off work or school.
166. **validity** – Being true or legal.
167. **vehicle** – Something used for transport
168. **venomous** – Poisonous.
169. **whatever** – Anything at all.
170. **wildcard** – Unknown or surprise element.
171. **whooping** – Very loud or big.
172. **workout** – Exercise session.
173. **wireless** – Without wires.
174. **widening** – Making wider.
175. **whistler** – One who whistles.
176. **xylazine** – Drug used in animals.
177. **xerogel** – Dry gel form.
178. **Xiphoid** – Small bone at chest base.
179. **xylose** – Sugar from plants.
180. **xylene** – A chemical compound.
181. **yearning** – Deep desire.
182. **yeshiva** – Jewish religious school.
183. **yeast** – Used in baking.
184. **yielder** – Someone who produces something.
185. **Yertchuk** – Type of eucalyptus tree.
186. **yoghurt** – Thick dairy food.
187. **yolk** – Yellow part of egg.
188. **young** – Not old or mature.
189. **zeal** – Great enthusiasm.
190. **zigzag** – Sharp turns or angles.
191. **zoology** – Study of animals.
192. **zipline** – Rope slide for fun.
193. **zodiac** – Astrological sign system.
194. **zionist** – Supporter of Jewish homeland.
195. **zoneless** – Without zones.
196. **zoometer** – Instrument to measure zoom.
197. **zucchini** – A green vegetable.
198. **zygote** – Perfect or beautiful place. Early cell after fertilization.
199. **zinger** – Witty or sharp remark.
200. **Zimbabwe** – Country in Africa

